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GEORGE COOK,

He wants to meet Van der Veer, the Dutch heavyweight, in a return contest. A twenty rounds bout the two had last Monday was declared a draw, but Cook ought to have been proclaimed the winner.

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FISTIC COMMENTS.

BRADFORD'S SPOIL SPORT.

Some few years ago sportsmen of Bradford, who were fond of boxing, had to be satisfied with reading about it because certain people in the Yorkshire city had sufficient influence to get barriers raised against the popular pastime, and there seems a probability of the game being barred again in Bradford, as Alderman Thomas Sowden, ex-Lord Mayor and chairman of the Bradford Watch Committee, who witnessed the contest in which "Kid" Lewis beat Syd Pape on Monday of last week, has declared that he will do all in his power to prevent boxing in future at any hall over which the Bradford Corporation has control.

Interviewed the day after the contest mentioned, Alderman Sowden said that Lewis had his opponent against the ropes and would no let him fall, pummelling him first from one side and then from the other, so that when he was falling a blow straightened him up again.

"It becomes sickening," said the Alderman, "and if that is sport I do not agree with it. It was simply sheer cruelty, and the referee should have stopped the fight. I am fond of sport, but not that sort of thing."

It will be recalled that Lewis beat Pape as early as the second round, so that the "cruelty" the Alderman speaks of, but has not been complained about by anyone else who saw the bout, must have been of very short duration, and I am glad to be able to record that letters from readers of the "Boxing World and Mirror of Life," who were spectators of the contest, agree that Alderman Sowden has overstepped the mark in protesting against what happened during the brief and properly conducted bout.

Mr. H. Jennings, formerly a "B.W. & M.O.L." correspondent, who refereed the contest, has replied to the Alderman's criticism, via a Yorkshire evening journal as follows: "I know Pape as a thoroughly game fighter, who had trained thoroughly for the contest.

"The whole affair did not last two rounds, and Pape was never knocked down in the first round. He took two counts in the second round, and his remarkable pluck led to his undoing, for he rose at counts of six and four, instead of resting for nine seconds each time to give himself a chance to collect his thoughts.

"When he was sent down a third time, I immediately decided not to permit him to continue, and I never offered to count him out, but before I could take action the towel of surrender was thrown in from Pape's corner.

"Pape was quite satisfied with my control, and Lewis also. Other sportsmen were likewise satisfied, and Pape's manager, Mr. Will Douglas, said: 'You would not have been justified in stopping the contest earlier, because Pape is a wonderfully game man, who is never beaten until the last gasp.'"

It really seems that Alderman Sowden is complaining without cause; that he is a spoil-sport. Because he alone elects to object to boxing is no reason why the game should be pushed into the background, and it is to be hoped that local sportsmen will protest strongly against any action he may take to deprive them of sport. In Cumberland boxing is no more cruel than any other pastime, and those closely connected with the game in Bradford are doubtless just as humane as Alderman Sowden.

LEONARD'S CHALLENGER.

In the American lightweight division, over which Benny Leonard has been ruler for so long, Paul Mirana, who for professional purposes he calls himself Pal Moran, has failed to live up to the promise he gave. He was looked upon as a suitable man to tackle Leonard until a few days ago he was beaten on points by Johnny Dundee. He hasn't been much of a pal to one or two would-be contenders for Leonard's title of champion of the world, notably "Left-hook" Charlie White, whom he stretched full length on the floor with a hefty punch some little time back, but it must be admitted that he had his own future in the ring to consider before White's, and, after all, the latter has had one shy at Leonard and failed.

The easy way in which Moran stopped Johnny Shugrue early last month, coming on top of Pal's knockout of Charley White, put him at the head of the contenders for the lightweight title, but before he can get a chance at the champion, Moran must turn the tables on Dundee. There were many American followers of boxing who believed that Moran in a contest with Leonard at the lightweight limit would have a better chance than either Lew Tendler or Dundee ever had, but they may now take a different view since he has lost to Dundee.

THE FATHERLY FEELING.

"Young" Stribbling, the Georgia middleweight, who some little time ago engaged in a bout with Mike McTigue, who, with the referee, had cause to complain of the behaviour of the crowd owing to the official being threatened because he refused to give the award to Stribbling, has been in another contest, the result of which was followed by an unusual incident.

From West Palm Beach, Flo., comes a report that "In the sixth round of the bout between "Young" Stribbling and Norman Genet, of Akron, Ohio, Referee Phil Pritchard disqualified Stribbling for hitting in the breaks after warning him twice to break clean.

"Immediately after 'Pa' Stribling, father of the pugilist, attacked and struck the referee.

"Up to the time the bout was discontinued, Stribling had the advantage of every round. He landed blows that put Genet down in each of the third, fourth and fifth rounds. Genet claimed a foul on the last two knockdowns, which was disallowed.

"Stribling as warned for hitting in the breaks in the third round. Again in the sixth he was given the same warning. Just before the bell in the sixth, Stribling hit his opponent after the command to break was given, and Pritchard ordered the men to their corners.

"Only one blow was struck in the 'Pa' Stribling Pritchard fracas, several minutes intervening."

It seems as though the referee erred in ruling Stribling out for the reason stated for a clean break is

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not called for by American rules any more than it is in this country, but Stribling senior should not have allowed his fatherly feeling to carry him away. It may be hard for a father to keep his head when his son gets the worse of a ring deal, and quite recently a once famous English boxer had to be got away from the ringside at a London hall when his boy was being mastered by an opponent. The old-timer probably felt like getting up on the ring platform and handing a punch to his son's opponent, and he might have done so had he not allowed himself to be persuaded to withdraw from the position he occupied for a time.

From Miami in the State in which Stribling met Genet comes word that definite proposals have been made there for a bout between Stribling and Georges Carpentier. W. I. Stribling, father - manger of the former, is said to have agreed to the match, and Ed. Douglass, Miami promoter, says he has had word that Carpentier will be in Florida in February and that negotiations were favourable for a match.

TED MARCHANT'S LATEST BOUT.

Ted Marchant, the Salford lightweight and stable companion of Frank Moody in America, has had another contest, which, according to a cablegram to hand, went enough in his favour to warrant a decision different to that returned. At Baltimore on Wednesday of last week the Lancastrian met Mickey Papner in a twelve rounds hard-fought contest, which ended with the referee declaring a draw when many ringsiders were of the opinion that Marchant was entitled to the award.

J. BISSELL.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.

CORPL. DOWNTON BEATS JIM CARROLL.

Of three fiftfeen rounds contests decided last Thursday at the Liverpool Stadium the most important was that in which Jim Carroll, the local lightweight, struck his flag to Corpl Downton, of the R.M.L.I. The latter won by a wide margin of points, chiefly because he used his left in good style almost all through the piece. He got his hand to work early in the first round, and sent his man's head back with a jerk He seldom missed Carroll's face in the second essay, and although the latter scored with his right hand to the body, the marine claimed the honours. Downton's left reached his man's face early in the third round, but Carroll then did equally well with a similar blow to the face and a right to the ribs At the fourth meeting Downton, with his left punches, sent his man to the ropes, but the latter was soon back into the argument, and, although not as clever as his opponent, was hitting the harder. Early in the fifth round Downton came down, but he quickly rose, and, setting a fast pace, outscored his man.

The Service boxer's left was much in evidence in the sixth, and he also scored with a couple of rights to the chin. Carroll raised the hopes supporters in the seventh with a left swing to the side of the head, which staggered his opponent, but Downton soon steadied himself and got busy with his left. In the next essay Carroll rushed to his man, but left and right to the jaw from Downton caused him to give ground. Opening the ninth Carroll forced matters well. Later, the Londoner, with lefts, levelled matters. In a rally Downton sent a hard right to the jaw. The local lad did the better in the twelfth, in which Downton was evidently taking matters easily. Early in the following meeting the Service boxer was on top again and put in some capital punches. The contest went the full distance, when Downton was a clear winner

In a contest which went the stipulated fifteen rounds Joe Samuels Liverpool) beat Dan Almond (Bolton). The latter opened with a rouple of body punches, and then Samuels sent a left flush to the face which sent Almond to the ropes. Commencing the second round Samuels was much the cleverer, and in avoiding a body punch Almond came down. Afterwards, the Bolton man sent home a couple of right-hand punches to the ribs, and the round closed with a heavy rally. Almond scored on the head in the next round, and he afterwards did well with a couple of right hooks to Samuels' jaw, which he followed by uppercutting. In the fourth round Samuels did capitally, and was frequently applauded, but occasionally he lashed out wildly, and this gave Almond the opportunity to score with swings. By the fifth meeting Samuels had settled down to scientific boxing, and, although on the retreat, he mixed matters nicely A similar round ensued, but in the ninth Almond flashed a right hard to the ribs, and followed with a similar punch, which sent Samuels to the ropes .The later covered, but Almond rained punches to the ribs. Although Almond always forced the work later, Samuels boxed well on the retreat, and the tenth was one of the best of the bout. Early in the thirteenth round Almond went down. No damage was done, however, and he disputed the issue stubbornly to the finish.

An Irish featherweight, Kenny Webb (Belfast), won the other fifteen rounds "go," defeating Harry Whybrow (Wandsworth) At the outset Webb scored with a series of light lefts, but in the exchanges which ensued Whybrow, with heavy rights to the ribs, brought the Irishman to the boards. Quickly up, however, he mixed matters well to the close. In round two the Londoner missed with a right, and then Webb held his own in a heavy mix-up. Afterwards Whybrow staggered his man with a left to the jaw. In the third Whybrow's heavy punching caused Webb to get a trifle wild in his deliveries, and he missed several times, but later, with a right to the jaw, he sent Whybrow down for acount of eight. The Londoner was put down twice more and the referee stopped the bout, declaring Webb the winner.

"Kid" Moose (Southport) and "Young" Tilston (Chester), winners over Johnny Bee and "Young" Bull respectively at the Liverpool Stadium a couple of weeks ago are to reappear at that hall on Thursday in fifteen rounds bouts. Moose goes against Len Johnson, the coloured middleweight, who may be expected to give him a good run, whilst Tilston tackles Billy Atkins (Trelaw) and, should be able to notch another victory.

DUBLIN.

BILLY GILMORE AND TOM MALONEY DRAW.

Last Saturday night at the Rotunda, Dublin, where Mr. Jim Murphy ran another show, some disappointment was felt at the non-appearance of Joe Parr (Blackburn), who was to have met Lawrence Ward, and Billy Digmore (Birmingham), who acted as substitute for the Lancastrian and went against Ward, was quickly beaten. The bout lasted but two rounds, during which the spectators kept up an incessant cry of "fight." The referee gave the decision to Ward, Digmore giving up before the scond round ended.

A fifteen rounds event in which Jack Delaney won on points from Jack McCusker, was a poor affair, but a return contest between Billy Gilmore, the Irish lightweight champion, who is to defend his title in April against Tom Brannigan, and Tom Maloney, proved interesting. The former beat Maloney a few months ago in the final of the lightweight championship of Ireland, but on Saturday he had to be satisfied with a draw.

Over the fifteen rounds' course the pair met, and Maloney had a pull in weight. The initial session was confined to in-fighting, with neither having the advantage. The next period was the same, both men being inclined to hit while holding. Maloney scored with both hands in any open work there was in the round, and Gilmore was first to connect on coming to the centre for the fourth, scoring with a right and left to the head, but Maloney cut his forehead midway through and forced the fighting for the remainder of the round. There was very little real fighting in the 5th and 6th sessions, but brisk boxing took place in the seventh Gilmore made use of the ring for a brief space, but when the pair mixed it willingly. Gilmore was rushed down at the commencement of the eighth essay, but fought back well on rising. The ref. was kept busy in the eleventh essay separating the men. Maloney scored repeatedly in the twelfth with his left, while at the next meeting Gilmore swung his right effectively. The fourteenth round was wholly Gilmore's, and the fifteenth and last round was fought on even lines, and the referee's decision of a draw was popularly received.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

IS A RETURN DEMPSEY-CARPENTIER BOUT "ON"?—FIRPO WANTS TO MEET WILLS.—MATCH MAY RESULT.—ROLAND TODD'S DEFEAT BY JOCK MALONE.

Just what plans Jack Dempsey has made for the near future it is hard to say, but there is still a rumour that he is to engage in a return match with Georges Carpentier at Wembley in the open-air. We heard from a good source only a few days ago that the world's champion and the Frenchman are signed up to meet again in May, but if this is so we do not understand why the promoter has refrained from announcing that the arrangement is made. He may be holding back the information in order not to arouse opposition so far in advance and believe that the chance of bringing off the event here will be the better if he rushes it, but it will be the better for the game if no attempt is made to stage the event, for there isn't a doubt that Dempsey is far too good for Carpentier. The latter may be prepared to take a second drubbing from Dempsey for the loser's end of a big purse, and Dempsey, of course, would like to get some easy money, but the English public should not be asked to pay for the farce.

A few days ago it was stated that Dempsey was on his way to England, this information being based no doubt on the fact that his name and that of Jack Kearns appeared in an advance passenger list of the Cunard Steamship Company published on January 10, to sail on the "Aquitania," which left New York on January 26 for Southampton. The liner has arrived, but Dempsey hasn't. A wireless message from the boat to the Cunard Co. reached London several days ago giving the information that Jack and his manager were not on boar.

The two Jacks can hardly have missed the boat through arriving too late to catch it. They may have intended making the trip for the purpose of fixing up the soft job with Carpentier, and perhaps heard that it was "off." Their business prospects are doubtless more rosy in America than here, and a fistic fixture they are certainly interested in is one with Tom Gibbons which Tex Rickard has arranged, but is not going to bother with in New York City while the Democratic National Convention is in session there. It is Rickard's intention to promote a bout between the champion and the man who stuck it out longer than any man has ever travelled with Dempsey early in June The Convention does not convene until June 24.

While he has not definitely settled on the date of the bout, Rickard has said that he will bring the men together in the first week of June if possible, and in all probability at the Polo Grounds.

Contracts for the bout have not been signed, but both managers have agreed to sign when the time comes. It is Rickard's plan to match Firpo and Wills for a bout about the middle of July, and to offer the winner a bout with Dempsey in September.

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Firpo wants to meet Wills, and Rickard has given it as his opinion that for the two to fight for the rght to meet Dompsey would be a much more sensible way of arrang ng the heavyweight business of the coming season than to pit first one and then the other against the champion. However, if Wills happened to beat Firpo the coloured man might find it just as difficult as ever to secure a match with Dempsey.

It is a simple matter to under- Firpo's willingness to take on Wills, whom some regard as the uncrowned king of the heavyweights. Firpo is willing to gamble on the big money. He realizes that if Wills defeated him he no longer would be a logical contender for a second match with Dempsey. But he figures that he can make as much out of a battle with Wills as he can in meeting Dempsey again. And he thinks he can put Wills out of the way. That would give him two big matches. Even should he lose to Wills he would be as well off as with only one big match, that wtih Dempsey, for nobody believes that the Argentinean could relieve Dempsey of he title.

Wills, of course, has a clear claim to a match with Dempsey. He doesn't need to meet Firpo to win recognition as a worthy challenger, but if he wants to pick up $100,000 or more by engaging in combat with Dempsey's last victim it is almost a certainty the thing can be arranged. If Harry trounces Luis he will be no further than ever from his much-longed-for clash with the champion. If Wills doesn't care to meet Firpo he probably will have to put in the summer challenging Dempsey. That may be an entertaining occupation, but it is an unremunerative one.

Rickard is eager to match Wills and George Godfrey for the negro heavyweight honours as a preliminary step toward a Firpo-Wills event, and he points out that Godfrey knocked out Bill Tate, who has several times done good work against Wills. However, Paddy Mullins, Wills's manager, is not enthusiastic over a Willls-Godfrey bout. Paddy wants to send his black "hope" against either Jack Renault or Tom Gibbons. Neither of these gentlemen wants to meet Wills, however. Renault says he needs six months more experience before going against the negro, while Gibbons always has drawn the colour line and will continue to do so.

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It is said that both Kearns and Dempsey view with considerable alarm the talk of a Firpo-Wills bout. Dempsey was a bit reckless last time he met Firpo. He will be considerably less reckless the next time they meet and probably will win without causing his backers anything like the alarm he occasioned in the first bout, when he went through the ropes and remained absent from the ring almost long enough to lose the title. Firpo then came as close to being heavyweight champion as he ever will come. Kearns and Dempsey have been counting on the return with Firpo as one of their half million dollar operations, and they now feel that there is a big chance it will not materialise.

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At the third attempt Roland Todd has scored his first victory in America. A message from Wilkesbarre last Thursday informs us that he defeated Joe Gans, a coloured middleweight, in a ten rounds contest. The victory will doubtless encourage the English middleweight champion, for Gans, a British subject, is a good class man who has not been given the opportunities he has deserved. Todd appears to have had his work cut out to win, for the bout is said to have been a stiff one, and as Gans has lost one decision to Jock Malone it is not hard to understand the recent defeat of Todd by Malone, which Mr. "Doc" Almy, our American correspondent, endorses.

The cablegram dealing with the Malone-Todd bout told us the result was unpopular, whilst Mr. Almay, who saw the contest, writes of it as follows:—

"Two schools of boxing. English as represented by Roland Todd, the European middleweight champion, and American by Jock Malone, of St. Paul, clashed at the Mechanics' Building on January 18, and the American style with all of its tear-in aggressiveness, proved the better, for it won the decision for the home man.

"Not a round of the ten did the Englishman garner, though, in the middle of the fray, he managed to even the fifth and sixth stanzas. All the rest went to Malone, some of them by a wide margin

"In the second a left hook to the body sent Todd to the canvas, but he was up instantly without taking any of the count. Though stung, he fought back gamely, which was the case throughout the mill.

"The Britisher's battle was of the defensive type, he usually backing away, often into the ropes, after shooting one or more light lefts to the head. Some of these landed, but they had little steam and did little damage though counting blows in the matter of points. When he

essayed to assume the aggressive, mainly towards the latter part of the melee, he scored well with left hooks to the body and several times shook the American. But on the whole these were not particularly dangerous; the Englishman was too tired to make much of them if he really possessed the 'pep.'

"About every time he chose to attack, he was heavily countered to the body, particularly the heart region, by Malone, and was forced to block, hold or back away to get out of difficulty.

"From the first bell through the scrap Jock aimed to weaken his man with body punishment, and he succeeded. In every round, barring the fifth and sixth, he crashed rights to the visitor's body. Now and then a left hook was banged home, and then to vary the programme, Jock put straight left to nose, drawing the colour early in the scrap.

"While no title changed hands, despite Todd's claims to British and European championships, the victory drives home a big peg for Malone in his march toward the world's middleweight honours, his goal in pugilism.

"More than 8,000 fans witnessed the bout, one of the largest gatherings ever in Mechanics' Building or at an indoor Boston ringside. Thousands who had planned to attend were unable to get inside the building and were forced to view the melee by sound, sort of radio idea.

"The discomfiture of Todd was the second upset of the evening for a British title-holder, Joey Fox, claimant of the English 'feather' title, was beaten by Dick Finnigan, of Dorchester, who won eight rounds out of the eight boxed.

"Fox won a hand from the fans for his gameness and willingness to close in and fight, but he was outclassed, out-boxed and outpunched. Finnigan's southpaw style, right hand out, had the Englishman bothered."

AT THE RING.

GEORGE COOK AND VAN DER VEER.

DUTCHMAN LUCKY TO GET DRAW.

A more unpopular decision than that of a draw after George Cook (Australia) and Van der Veer (Holland) had contested twenty rounds at The Ring, London, on Monday night has not been rendered at that hall for a long time, and as we saw the bout the spectators who booed the verdict, taking the view that Cook was entitled to be proclaimed the winner, were not unjust. The result came as a surprise, and it is not unfair to say that the Australian had the better of matters for three-fourths of the time.

Though he was giving away fully a couple of stone and several inches in height, Cook was the cleverer and faster boxer, and in making the pace he played the right game to baffle the ponderous Dutchman, who relied chiefly on a right uppercut, with which he got to the jaw several times without, however, distressing his opponent. For a man of his size Van de Veer, who must weigh something like 16st., is not a hard hitter, and neither at long range nor in-fighting did he direct his punches with the same accuracy or hit with the same speped as Cook, who also displayed ability to avoid by ducking.

With hooks and jabs the Antipodean was often able to land on the face and body, but, as in previous contests, he could not hit with power. He ran up a good lead in the first half of the bout, and the persistency with which he attacked served to wear his man down, so when he tired somewhat himself Van de Veer had not the energy to take command. The contest was always a hard one but never really exciting, and round after round the onlookers waited in vain for a decisive punch to be slipped over. At times both men tried their their hardest to get the business over, but only one knockdown occurred, and even then Cook, the man toppled over, rose in a couple of seconds. He was none the worse for the experience and resumed his forcing. Van de Veer could not keep him out much of the time, and when the finish came the Dutchman and his seconds were far more satisfied with the ref's ruling than the men in the opposite corner.

Ten rounds contests resulted in Jim Welsh (Bethnal Green) beating Abe Dorr (Holland) on points, and Frank Brown (Bow) causing Jim Rogers (Clapham) to retire in the ninth round.

PETER VAN DAM BEATS AIR-MEC. BILLS.

When Peter Van Dam, a Dutch welterweight, and Air-Mechanic Bills, of the Royal Air Force, met in the chief contest at The Ring last Saturday to box the best of fifteen rounds they did not occupy the ring long, as the Englishman was overwhelmed and his second threw in a towel midway through the second round So one-sided a contest as was seen was very unexpected, for Bills, if not so hard a hitter as Van Dam is the better boxer. His defeat is attributable to a punch dealt by the Dutchman soon after the bout began, a right swing to the jaw which floored him. Bills got up at the count of three, but he was dazed, and Van Dam immediately set about him with both hands. The Englishman could do little but try to cover up, and, often caught flush on the jaw, he was down six times more before the bell for the end of the round brought him a badly needed respite. He came up for the second essay apparently fit to give a better account of himself and scored neatly but Van Dam soon swung the right to the jaw again and put his man down for a count of nine. Twice more Bills was sent to the boards by similar punches, and he was such an easy mark for his man when he rose the third time that his second was quite justified in throwing in the towel.

Three ten rounds events were decided, Northampton boxers opposing Londoners with the following results: Fred Ash drew with Jimmy Wooder (St. Luke's), Bob Sadler beat Joe Woolford (Chelsea) on points, and Ernie Tallett won on a foul from Bill Duckworth (Hoxton), who was disqualified for hitting low in the second round.

PHIL SUFFLING DEFEATS ALBERT LLOYD.

When Phil Suffling (Herne Bay) and Albert Lloyd (Australia) engaged in a match at The Ring last Thursday, which was a "return" to the one the pair had more than a year previously, the "Indian Sign" did not work. Not only did the Antipodean fail to come near knocking out the seasider a second time but he was himself on the verge of being stopped at times. He was never put down, it is true, but some of the right hand punches he had to take on the jaw had him very unsteady. In the eighth round particularly Lloyd was hard put to it to keep on his feet, and in order to save himself he resorted to holding. It was the worst round of the series for Albert, but in some of the others he was in difficulties, and but for Suffling being so reluctant as he was to run risks, the Australian, tough and game as he is, might not have stayed the allotted course of fiftfeen rounds.

Suffling was wise in boxing carefully we are prepared to admit, but in some rounds he was over-cautious especially in the second half of the bout when Lloyd had weakened and had not a dangerous punch. Suffling would not go in and strive to finish the bout as he ought to have done, but was satisfied to peg away at the face with his long left, which all through the encounter was a weapon too good for the Aussie's defence. Much handicapped in reach Lloyd had much difficulty to get into hitting distance without his face coming into contact with Suffling's left, and his counters invariably fell short. He bothered his man somewhat when he got in close, however, chiefly in the early sessions, when he tried hard to bring Suffling down. The latter retaliated more when it came to in-fighting later, and some of his right half-uppercuts were jarring, but Lloyd withstood them well and never seemed discouraged. Nearly all through the set-to the Australian was fighting an uphill battle doggedly, and though at the finish his face was much the worse for attention Suffling had paid to it he was a cheerful loser.

Ten rounds contests resulted in "Young" Riley (Bethnal Green) beating Harry Brooks (Aldgate), the referee intervening in the eighth round, and Harry Hart (Blackfriars) winning from Harry Miller (St. Luke's), who retired with a damaged left eye at the close of the seventh round.

RACING NOTES

THIS WEEK'S RACING.

Meetings are to be held this week at Chelmsford (Wednesday), Ludlow (Wednesday and Thursday), and Manchester and Lingfield (Friday and Saturday).

The stakes offered at the two latter meetings being above the ordinary in value will ensure good class fields contesting the various events.

The following should go close to winning their respective engagements:—

CHELMSFORD—WEDNESDAY.

The Romford Hurdle Race—
BENNETT'S SELECTED.
The Maldon Hurdle Race—
G. POOLE'S SELECTED.
The Ingaeestone Steeplechase—
GOVERNOR WOOD.
The King William Steeplechase—
CONDOR.

LUDLOW—WEDNESDAY.

The Castle Hurdle Race—
CHUCK A PENNY.
The Ferney Hall Steeplechase—
FLY BOY II.
The Bromfield Hurdle Race—
COULTHWAITE'S SELECTED.
The Amateur Hurdle Race—
REDMER.
The Beginners' Steeplechase—
WILD TIMES.

LUDLOW—THURSDAY.

The Knighton Steeplechase—
WAVE FOR'ARD.
The Gaynham Hurdle Race—
MILEWATER.
The Selling Hurdle Race—
BRIGHT SHOT.
The Trial Steeplechase—
MARTES.
The Novices' Hurdle Race—
NORTH END.

MANCHESTER—FRIDAY.

The Salford Steeplechase—
OUR QUEEN.
The Clifton Hurdle Race—
TOMMY LONG.
The Medlock Steeplechase—
WHITAKER'S SELECTED.
The February Hurdle Race—
POPE'S SELECTED.
The Oldham Steeplechase—
PICKWELL.
The County Hurdle Race—
GERALD JUNIOR.

MANCHESTER—SATURDAY.

The Club Hurdle Race—
BORDER RANGER.
The Stockport Steeplechase—
WINTER VOYAGE.
Four Year-Old Hurdle Race—
ROSEMARY.
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LINGFIELD—FRIDAY.

The Marsh Steeplechase—
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The Open Hurdle Race—
SAVERNAKE.
The Surrey Steeplechase—
HARTIGAN'S SELECTED.
The February Hurdle Race—
RANTER.
The Manifesto Steeplechase—
DOUBLE BED.
The Felcourt Hurdle Race—
RADIANT RIVER.

LINGFIELD—SATURDAY.

The Sussex Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED.
The Greenstede Steeplechase—
TEST MATCH.
The Guest Hall Hurdle Race—
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AT THE N.S.C.

"KID" KELLY AND GEORGE GARRARD SCORE.

The competition organised with a view to discover the best flyweight in Great Britain, commenced on Monday night when four of the eight candidates for championship honours figured in a couple of ten rounds bouts. "Kid" Kelly (Plymouth), Ernie Lord (Salford), Geo. Garrard (Acton), and "Kid" Anthony (Cardiff), paired in the order named were the lads doing duty, and Kelly and Garrard quaified to compete further.

The former, who defeated "Kid" Nicholson (Leeds) on points at Manchester last Saturday in a close fifteen rounds event, won from Lord because of his extra speed, which enabled him to score with left leads to the face and get away. The Salford lad's blows, when they did land, were the more telling, and caused Kelly to hold. In the second round Lord sent a right to the side of the head which drove Kelly against the ropes, but the Plymouth boxer fought his man off, and although he received another hard punch he continued to score the oftener. Most rounds were uneventful, but Kelly forged ahead steadily. His smart leading and defence were more than Lord could cope with, and when the full journey had been covered Kelly was adjudged the winner.

The Garrard-Anthony bout, which was more vigorously contested, looked as if it might end in the first round. It almost ended, indeed, with the first punch, as Anthony instead of shaking hands as the pair came to the middle for the first time hooked a left for the jaw which landed just a bit too high. It was a narrow escape for Garrard, who had another when, a little later, a fierce right caused him to take several seconds to pull himself together. Once he had done this Garrard settled down to box with skill and not a little caution, and he more than held his own in the second round. In the third Anthony drove him back with a heavy right under the heart, but Garrard never lost his form, and in the fourth round scored heavily with good lefts to the face and a couple of hard rights to the jaw. The Welsh lad was tough, and in the next two rounds, although outboxed, managed to get in some heavy punches on the body. He was always dangerous, for he carries a punch, and with Garrard going a trifle weak in the seventh round there seemed a chance that he might be beaten. He was clever enough to avoid, however, and had sufficient reserve to carry the fight to his opponent late in the bout, and finished a popular winner.

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Two champions came through as winners on the holiday, Pancho Villa beating Tony Norman, of Pittsburg, in a ten-rounder fought in the Smoky City, while Joe Lynch, chief of the "bantams," knocked out Jimmy Murphy, of St. Louis, in the third round of a scheduled twelve-rounder fought at Akron, O

PREMIERLAND.

BILL HANDLEY AND HARRY BURNSTONE WIN.

Bill Handley (Hackney) and Fred Bullions (Deptford), recent winners over Billy Moore (Penygraig) and Harry Burnstone (Middlebrough) at Premierland, Whitechapel, were the chief contestants at that hall last Thursday night, when they met over the fifteen rounds course. They were matched at 9st. 7lbs, and at the weigh-in Handley scaled 9st. 6lbs. and Bullions 9st. 5½lbs The men put up a fine, clean and strenuous bout, with victory going to Handley on points largely by reason of a lead he established in the early rounds, and when he used his left hand cleverly, and steered clear of many of his adversary's swings.

Bullions was giving away height and reach, and if while forcing matters at the outset he had to accept a few light lefts to the face he was able to send punches to the ribs. Bullions narrowly missed with right swings for the jaw in the second round, due to Handley retreating, and the latter got home the left rather cleverely, but he could not stop Bullions from getting to close quarters in the next two rounds. At the fifth meeting Bullions dashed in with swinging lefts, and towards the end of the meeting, after taking a right swing, rushed Handley to the ropes and caused him to cover up. Handley was first in his leads during the sixth, and many of Bullions' counters failed to land.

Early in the next essay the Deptford man sent a good right half-arm punch under the heart, but before the round ended Handley got both hands going effectively. Bullions reached the body in the ninth round, while in the following session a couple of good half-arm punches to Handley's ribs hurt the latter. Handley had a good round in the eleventh, his left jabs to the face often stopping Bullions rushes Handley also scored with several right swings to the jaw, although he missed with others. Bullions forced Handley to make much use of the ring in the closing rounds, and the Hackney boxer able to keep away from a really damaging punch, came through the winner on points

In another fifteen rounds event contested by Harry Burnstone and Walter Rossi (Pontypridd) the former was able to confirm a previous victory over the Welshman by outpointing him in a close affair Rossi, though handicapped in height and reach, hit the more accurately in the first two rounds, his left hand frequently finding Burnstone's face. The last-named responded to the body, however. In the third round Rossi frequently swung his left to the body, and on one occasion he shook the Teesider with a right swing to the chin

After a scrambling fourth meeting Burnstone improved and had the better of some close-quarter exchanges. Rossi boxed on the defensive a good deal during the seventh round, but Burnstone penetrated his "smother" pretty often. The Welshman made a spurt in the ninth and reached his opponent with rights, but before the end of the round he was shaken. Burnstone fought on aggressive lines subsequently, but he missed many punches owing to Rossi's clever avoidance. Rossi received a right uppercut in the fourteenth round, and when the concluding session had been reeled off the verdict went to Burnstone.

"YOUNG" JOHNNY BROWN BEATEN

"Young" Johnny Brown, the St George's flyweight who was amongst the eight lads chosen to compete for the title resigned by Jimmy Wilde, met with a reverse when on Sunday afternoon last he went against Johnny Haydn, a Principality boxer, at Premierland in a fifteen rounds contest. The Welsh lad was the first to get into his stride, and he had the better of the first three rounds, showing speed and cleverness in avoiding. For a time in the fifth meeting Haydn pinned his man to the ropes and severely punished him, but then Brown almost had the Welsh lad out, the bell coming to his rescue Haydn was again well punished in the next session, Brown landing several hard blows. The Londoner was now boxing much better and had made up leeway by the end of the ninth round, but, through both of his hands being damaged, he was forced to retire at the end of the eleventh round. Through Brown not being able to box Johnny Jones at the N.S.C. next Monday, the latter's opponent will be Frankie Kestrell.

In ten rounds bouts Young Clancy (St. George's) beat Fred Patten (Poplar) in points, and Con Holingsworth (Stepney) outpointed Frank Rugg (Poplar)

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PLYMOUTH.

HARRY LAKE STOPS ALBERT JEAL

Re-appearing at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, Plymouth, last Friday, Harry Lake, the ex-champion bantamweight, scored a decisive victory at the expense of Albert Jeal (Croydon) in the chief contest. To box the best of fifteen rounds at 8st. 10lbs. the men met, and in the early rounds the Devonian permitted Jeal to do all the attacking. He was rather slow and the Londoner, who held an advantage in reach, sent home well-timed blows with both gloves. Jeal was persistent in his attacks and gave the ex-champion little rest. When Lake took the offensive Jeal was forced to cover and give ground The sixth round opened sensationally, Jeal taking a count from a hard left to the jaw He was down again in the seventh round, and Lake failing to drive home his advantage when the Londoner got up disappointed. As the fight progressed it was evident Lake was the stronger, and half-uppercuts he dealt the Londoner, who staggered around the ring under the fusilade of blows. Jeal was a tired boxer in the fourteenth essay and took the full count from blows to the jaw.

In other contests Nobby Short (D.D.C.) beat Jim Scallon (C.A.C.) on points, six rounds; Bandsboy Harnden (South Wales Borderers) knocked out George Evans (Victory B.C.) in the fourth round; Pte Hounsall (South Wales Borderers) beat Len Short (D.B.C.) on points.

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HOXTON BATHS

ALF MANCINI AGAIN BEATS TOM HUMPHRIES.

A return contest over fifteen rounds between Alf Mancini (Notting Hill) and Tom Humphries (St Luke's) was the outstanding event at Hoxton Baths last Monday afternoon, and it resulted in favour of former, who had won the previous bout at the same hall. The referee was called upon to decide the affair when the allotted journey had been covered, and his ruling, if not approved by some of the spectators, was quite in order, for Mancini was the better boxer and for the greater part of the bout held his man in check by using a straight left. He had a strong, worrying customer to deal with, but his extra speed and cleverness kept him clear of threatning right swings at different times. Humphries sought to mix it much of the time and in some rallies he out-punched his man. His blows were never really very harmful, however, and although when half the course had been covered he seemed to be wearing Mancini down, the latter proved able to stay and generally did the better work.

Mick Carter (Deptford) beat Jimmy Corp (St. George's) on points over fifteen rounds. Corp, after beginning rather promisingly, had one or two bad passages, being floored twice in the third essay and once in the fourth, but he survived and boxed well enough to extend his man. Carter was always the harder hitter, however, and he held a lead, if not a long one, when the limit was reached.

A fifteen rounds bout between Ted Harper (Hoxton) and Phil Richards (Aldgate) went all on moderate lines and resulted in a draw.

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Doubtless the cables have apprised the readers of the death of Billy Miske, the St. Paul, Minn. heavyweight. Though frequently battling in the ring that he might pile up a fortune for his family, it appears that Miske had been ailing for about four years with Bright's disorder, the disorder which finally caused his death Miske participated in about 114 battles, won all but a few, and was stopped but once in his career, Jack Dempsey knocking him out in three rounds at Benton Harbour, Mich., in 1920 Miske was 29 years old, and is survived by his wife and three children

AMATEUR AFFAIRS.

COX TAKES REVENGE.

To witness the Lynn A.C's. first tournament of the season at the Manor Place Baths on Jan. 28 there was a crowded house, and the bouts staged in the four competitions decided furnished capital sport. Only two representatives of the promoting club, P. Wheelhouse and J. Hanks, did duty, and both were defeated. The former lost to P. Lolosky (Columbia B.C.) in the semi-final of an 8st. competition, the final of which brought together the last-named and J. W. Kent, another Columbia lad, with the result that Lolosky won well on points. Hanks, who a week previously had beaten H. E. Cox (St. Pancras) in a six rounds contest, encountered the latter in the final of a 10st. 7lbs. competition and was outpointed. The other competitions at 9st. 9lbs. and 11st. 4lbs. were won by G. Gogay (Y.M.C.A. B.C.) and J. Elliott (Polytechnic B.C. and P.L.P.) respectively.

"POLY" FEATHERWEIGHTS' SUCCESS.

In addition to regimental competitions an "open" at 9st. 4lbs. and also a 10st. 2lbs. "intermediate" were decided when the City of London Regt. (Royal Fusiliers) held a tournament at the Drill Hall, Handel St., Russell Sq., on Tuesday of last week, and of four competitors in the 9st. 4lbs. event A. H. Beavis (Polytechnic B.C.) was the best. He won easily from A. Rosoman, an unattached boxer, and in the final out-pointed H. Silvester (Gainsford B.C.) in the final. To capture first prize in the "intermediate" competition H. A. Humphries (Lynn B.C.) scored points victories over E. Vaughan (Gainsford), G. Scrimps (St. Pancras) and F. H. Olding ("Poly").

INTER-CLUB CONTESTS.

When on Wednesday of last week the Devas Institute Amateur Boxing Club, recently affiliated to the to the A.B.A., held a successful tournament in the clubroom of their headquarters, New Road, Battersea, the programme got through comprised six rounds bouts, in which members of the promoting club defeated representatives of Watney's B.C. The results were: H. Brampton knocked out L. Caxton in the first round, A. Beckworth beat E. Evans on points, J. Clark beat J. Wise in the second round, and T. Mottram defeated J. Donovan.

BIRMINGHAM BOUTS.

Phil Green (Avery's B.C.), holder of the A.B.A. welterweight title, was among the successful contestants when three six rounds events were decided last week at the Erdington B.C., Birmingham. He quite outclassed T. Harrison, a representative of the Sumner B.C., who had a struggle to go the stipulated journey. In the other bouts A. Bryan (Metropolitan) beat W. Flowers (Erdington) comfortably on points, and A. Saunders (Erdington) won over Williams (Sumner) by a narrow margin.

T. Bull (Avery's) and A. Warrard (Aston) had a spirited argument of six rounds duration at the Aston A.B.C. headquarters, the Holte Hotel Assembly Rooms, on Tuesday of last week. Each in turn in turn held the lead, and the judges disagreed. The vote of the referee went to Bull, who will probably have Warrard for his opponent again in the near future.

J. Curtis and J. Lindsey, members of the Garrison A.B.C., met in a six rounds contest in the Garrison Tavern Gymnasium, Birmingham, and tlthough Curtis, the winner, showed superiority most of the time, the event was keenly contested.

A well patronised boxing entertainment was staged at Saltley, Birmingham, last Friday night by the Metropolitan Carriage Works A.B.C. Two contests of six rounds duration and one of four sessions were decided, and in the chief encounter E. Robbins (Edgbaston A.B.C.), who promises to give a good account of himself in the forthcoming Midland Championships, proved too good for G. Froggett (Sumner B.C.), who rather spoiled the bout by holding. Robbins showed quite good form. His left nearly always being in evidence, and he had a good lead when proclaimed the winner on points. George Phillips (Birmingham Carriage Works A.B.C.) won over J. Grady, another Sumner representative, by a narrower margin in a good set-to, the six rounds being cleanly contested, and the four rounds "go" provided by G. Clewley (Birmingham Carriage Works A.B.C.) resulted in a win for the former after the scheduled journey had been covered on lively lines.

COLUMBIA WINNERS.

When two competitions and three contests of six rounds duration were decided at the Columbia's B.C.'s 28th annual tournament held at Hoxton Baths last Thursday night, members of the club won the contests, and one of the competitions, an 8st. "intermediate." Most interest centred in the meeting of present and past A.B.A. flyweight champions, E. Warwick and L. M. Tarrant (Armstrong Siddeley B.C.), which was a spirited affair, and resulted in favour of Warwick because he did much good work at close range. In the other contests P. Lolosky (Columbia B.C.) beat E. Rigg (Oxford and Bermondsey Old Boys' B.C.) on points, and H. E. Bone (Columbia B.C.) beat J. A. Major (Gt. Eastern Railway B.C.) on points, whilst the Columbia boy who succeeded in the comp. was J. Kent. He scored points victories over T. Jones, a club-mate, and two St. Pancras B.C. members in E. Thane and W. Webb. It was a representative of the last-mentioned club, E. Brooman, who won the other competition, which was for novices at 10st. 7lbs.

FEBRUARY FIXTURES.

7—H. Div. Met. Police.
11—Alexandra B.C. (Alexandra P.)
14—Surrey Commercial Docks B.C.
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21—Stadium B.C. (Holborn)
21—S. Div. Met. Police.
26—Vesta B.C. Competitions.
27—Old Goldsmiths' B.C. (New Cross).
28—Met. Police Championships.
28—Eton Manor B.C. (Hackney Baths).

THE FIGHTER

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They would slap him and could tap him
Almost any time until
He became annoyed and started
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Then their seconds, heavy hearted,
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